

LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE

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Director Office of Child Care 330 C ST SW, 4th Floor Washington, DC 20201

Dear OCC Director:

This letter describes how the Lower Elwha Child Care plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF), awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families, and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the child care needs in our jurisdiction.

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories: Direct Services, Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices, and Other.

- 1. Direct Services/Subsidies: Funds will be used to run our Tribally Operated Center.
- 2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices: Funds will be used to address implementation of virus mitigation practices. Purchasing sanitation equipment and personal protective equipment supplies. Funds will also be used for hiring additional staff for sanitation purposes.
- 4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

We are awaiting further guidance on this topic, so we can fulfil this requirement in ways that will meet best practice.

5. Other: Funds will be used for quality improvement to support social distancing.

Lower Elwha Child Care has not yet determined how **all** CCDF CRRSA funds will be spent. Our timeline for deciding how the remaining funds will be spent is as follows: By May 31st, 2021 the deciding will have an initial plan for spending, a final plan by August 31st 2021, and obligated by September 30th 2022.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING FOR ALL LEAD AGENCIES:

The Lower Elwha Child Care will amend our CCDF plan because of any activities implemented under CRRSA funding, not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

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